

Being a brief Account taken out of the Multitude of the Cruel grievous and Bloody Sufferings and Persecutions of the People of God, (called Quakers) who have had their Goods spoiled, their Meetings broken up, and have been knockt down for dead, and their Houses have been torn to pieces, and they have been Stoned and cruelly beaten and bruised, and their blood shed by Corrupt Priests, Magistrates and People, some of which (for Fyches, and other matters) have been Imprisoned and Persecuted until Death.

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BRISTOL.

T *Emperance Higwell* for speaking to *John Brown* at *Temple Steeple house*, was thrust down to the ground by some of the Priest's Hearers, and therewith all in them, and then the rude multitude gave her many blows, insomuch that they shed her blood, and her eyes were sore, and her Clothes torn off and taken away, and so they haled her out of the Steeple house, and endeavouring to have dragg'd her to a Pond, and so have thrown her in there, but not being prevented, but the Turbout about her was very great, and her life was in great danger; yet notwithstanding a little cruelly, she was committed (by *Alderman Wright*) to Bridewell, and from thence to *Newgate*, where being dangerously sick, she was carried out in a Basket, and within three dayes after dyed.

CAMBRIDGE.

R *Oniface Norris* being near fourscore years old, and being broken in his body, and not able to travell on foot, as he was riding to a meeting on a first day, about two miles from his outward being, he was stopped by the Constables and others, who demanded money of him for riding that day, and *Daddy Pope* (called Justice, hearing of it, caused him to be brought to the Sessions, and fined him ten shillings, and for refusing to pay it he was cast into Prison, and the said *Daddy Pope* cast *Anne Norris*, the old mans wife, into prison not long before, because she refused to pay a fine of five pounds, which he unjustly inflicted upon her, for speaking to the Priest of *Ower*, and so they were both kept from their family, they having six Children that were not able to guide themselves, and the poor old man falling sick about a week after he was let out of prison, dyed.

CHEESHIRE.

R *Richard Sale of Hale*, being moved of the Lord to declare against the wickedness of the Priest and people in the City of *Chester*, and for demanding justice of the Mayor upon a rude fellow of that City, one *Thomas Kirkby*, who had beaten and beuited him, insomuch that he fetched the blood, was by the command of the unmerciful Mayor of *Chester*, *Peter Leigh* put into a murdering Press, which is a hole hewed in a Rock, which is called *Sale*, five several times, the first time eight hours, the second time three hours, the third time four hours, the fourth time four hours, the fifth time five hours, and he being a man of a pretty good body, could not be contained therein, but as forced by mens strength so that four men have had much to do by their strength to thrust him in, in so much that two or three of the times they put him in, the crust blood came out of his mouth and nose; the last time he was in that hole, was in the first month, 1657. and in the sixth month, 1658. he left this life, betwixt which time he never was well in his body, but by the cruelties he received, he swelled in his body and legges exceedingly, and in his sickness on his death-bed, he said, My blood will be required of yonder bloody City, for yonder *Peter Leigh* hath murdered me.

A Description of the hole in the Rock.

The breadth of the Hole over-croft from side to side is seventeen inches, from the back to the inside of the door, at the top seven inches, at the shoulder eight inches, at the breast nine inches and a half, from the top to bottom one yard and a half; now to take in the height to one yard, they had draw-boards shot over-croft in the two sides, to one yard high.

DURHAM.

G *George Humble* (an aged man) for standing by some of his Neighbours, whom *George Lilburn* had set in the Stock, for speaking to a Priest; the said *George Humble* for reproving the said *Lilburn* for persecuting the people of God, was for that sent to prison to *Durham* by the said *Lilburn*, and there was kept nine or ten months, and then bedyed.

DORCHESTER.

N *Nicholas Masters* of *Bradford*, imprisoned in *Dorchester* by *Thomas Martin*, and *Robert Manning*, Bayliffs, at the solicitation of *Elias Harvey* Impropriator for Tythes, and there remained in prison until death.

DEVONSHIRE.

J *Anne Ingram* for going to visit some friends, who were cast into prison in *Cornwall*, and lay upon Straw in *Dorchester*, was by *John Champion* (called Justice) cast into Prison at *Exeter*, and there kept in prison upon straw until she dyed.

ESSEX.

J *James Parr* being moved of the Lord to go to a Steeple house at *Coggeshall*, the Priest and the people having appointed a Fall (as they said) against Error; after the Priests halloeing, *Parr* spake a few words to them, to passing forth of the Steeplehouse, one called *Joshua Wakering* followed him, and clapt him on the back, and said he arrested him, although he showed no Writ, and by the means of divers Priests he was by *Domitius Wakering*, *Herbert Peckham*, *Thomas Cook*, and *William Harlakenden*, committed to *Colechester Castle*, and there kept close up, and none of his friends durst to come near him; and from thence at the Assizes was carried to *Coshamford*, where they kept him on the Chain day and night; but when he appeared at the Bar, was taken off the Chain, only two irons on his hands, where Judge *Lech* urged the Jury to find him guilty, declaring what he could against the Prisoner to them, and would not suffer him to speak to the Jury to clear himself; so the Judge fined him forty pound, and to be committed close prisoner till payment, and gave charge to the Goaler, not to let any giddy headed people (as he called them) come at him, so the Goaler denyed his friends to come to relieve him, and would not let them in, but such as came to abuse, scorn, and beat him, they let into him, and the Goalers Wife did beat him to beat him, who threatened to knock him down, and make him shake his heels; and she herself did beat him several times, and swear she would have his blood; and some times they would not let him have any Victuals brought to him, other times they would let Prisoners to take away such victuals as was brought him, and would not let him have a Trundle bed which his friends would have brought him to lie on, but forced him to lie on the Stones, which in a wet season would run down with water; and though he paid four pence a night, they threatened him if he did but walk two or fro in it; Then they did put him in the Hole in the Wall which is very high from the ground, and where the Ladder was too short by six foot; and when his friends would have given him a Cord and a Basket to have taken up his victuals in, they would not let them (though they much desired it) but he must either come up and down by a Rope (or else smother in the Hole) which he did a long time, but after a long toiling in this Hole where there was nought but misery as to the outward man, it being no place either for air or smoke, and *James*

James Parr being moved of the Lord to go to a Steeple house at Cogshall the Priests and the people having appointed Fast (as they said) against Errors after the Priests had ended, James spake a few words to them, to passing forth of the Steeplehouse, one called *Justice Wakering* followed him, and clapt him on the back, and said he arrested him, although he showed no Writ, and by the means of divers Priests he was by *Thomas Wakering*, *Herbert Pellam*, *Thomas Cook*, and *William Harlakeuden*, committed to *Gloucester Castle*, and there kept close up, and none of his friends suffered to come near him; and from thence at the Assizes was carried to *Cosmeston*, where they kept him on the Chain day and night; but when he appeared at the Bar, was taken off the Chain, onely ironed on his hands, where Judge *Wakering* urged the Jury to find him guilty, declaring what he could against the Prisoner to them, and would not suffer him to speak to the Jury to clear himself; so the Judge fined him forty pound, and to be continued close prisoner till payment, and gave charge to the Goaler, not to let any giddy headed people (as he called them) come at him, so the Goaler denyed his friends to come to relieve him, and a multitude of men in, but such as came to abuse, scorn, and beat him, they let into him, and the Goaler's Wife did beat him to beat him, who intended to knock him down, and make him shake his back; and she herself did beat him several times, and swear she would have his blood; and some times they would not let him have any Victuals brought to him, other times they would let Prisoners to take away such victuals as was brought him, and would not let him have a Trundle bed which his friends would have brought him to lie on, but forced him to lie on the stones, which in a wet season would run down with water; and though he paid four pence a night, they threatened him if he did but walk two or three in it; Then they did put him in the Hole in the Wall which is very high from the ground, and where the Ladder was too short by six foot; and when his friends would have given him a Cord and a Basket to have taken up his victuals in, they would not let them (though they much desired it) but he must either come up and down by a Rope (or else smother in the Hole) which he did a long time; but after a long suffering in this Hole where there was nought but misery as to the outward man, it being no place either for air or smother, and James (being much hemmed in his naturalls) as he was climbing up the Ladder with his victuals in one hand, and coming to the top of the Ladder, catching at the Rope with the other hand, missed the Rope, and fell a very great height upon stones, by which fall he was exceedingly wounded in the head and arms, and his body much bruised and taken up for dead, then they put him in a little low Hole, called the Oven, (which place was to bake, but some Bakers Ovens have been seen bigger then it, though not so high) without the wall, hole or window for smother; neither would they suffer him to have a little Charcole brought in to prevent the smother; and after he was a little recovered, they would not suffer him to take a little ale, which was but once desired by him, seeing himself spent much for want of breath; and although some did offer their Bond of 40 £ to a Justice, and another to lie body for body, that James might have but liberty to come to their House while he was well, and to be returned again when he should be recovered, and that if he dyed, they should have his body; but they would not, their wills being unalterably set in cruelty against him; and it was desired, that he might but walk in the yard, but it was said he should not have so much liberty, as to walk to the Castle door, which was strictly executed, for the door being open, he did but walk forth into a close stinking yard before the door, and the Goaler came in great rage and lock up the Hole where he lay, and shut him out into the yard all night, being in the coldest time of all winters. And seeing that their rage did more and more increase, and there was an addition to his sufferings dayly; and seeing there was no way to satisfy their malice, but his blood, and seeing his life could not in all likelihood be continued long in that place and condition he was in, there was a little about and means used to lay it before the greatest Authority, yet more concerning that man, that his life might have been saved, and they kept from innocent blood; then every was concerning any of our life, that ever were imprisoned these late years of our fathers, but no mercy could be found amongst them; and though they were told of his wounds, weakness, and evil of age, yet would not believe it, till he was dead, and then some who were his Persecutors used their wits to cover his sufferings from being known, and would cast it upon himself, and at his departure two of his friends being with him, he said, Here I dye innocently, and so departed.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Richard Atwood of *Westerly*, for about fifteen Shillings Tythes, was summoned up to *Westminster*, to appear in the Exchequer to answer *Richard Fowler Priest* who although he did appear, and would have given him answer; yet because he would not swear to it, it would not be accepted, but he was cast into *Gloucester Goal*, where he remained a prisoner near a year, and then dyed.

When the Lord shall arise to make inquisition for the blood of the Innocent (which lyeth on this Nation) who Rulers who had time and power given them to have kept the murdering Spirit, but did not, but rather strengthened and foster the lives of the Innocent till to be made a prey upon, surely the Lord God will take away your time and warned, and it is from the Lord God that dwelleth in us, who are followers of the Lamb, and hold of the Testimony you may take warning and not suffer the like to be done: but if ye will not take warning, yet we shall be clear of

Cain (that Magistrate, that built a City, who was a Ruler, we say that persecutor Lord of a City) flow his righteousness from all that be Christians, that be Magistrates and Rulers, Governors in the Earth, & our fathers, *Angels and just men*.

Your Sacrifices, Prayers and Thanks, whatever it be, mingle it not with blood, neither let there be blood in your minds, wickedness, and Rulers of *Darkness*.

Come to the spiritual Weapons, and be spiritual Warriors, that ye may sacrifice in the Spirit which doth not mingle with there (in the mixt) it is in the whole Christendom (so called) which be out of the law this time, sacrifice a mixt living, and is not mingled with blood, and persecutors; and if ye consent to sit upon the holy Hill, let not your hands

If you do intend that the Lord should hear your Prayers, who lift up your hands to him, let them be holy (and you pray them that the Law was not made for, for with the righteous hath nothing to do withal) for if you be help Governors with the fist of wicked men, do not let the hand be hung down as a day, but let the hands of iniquity be broken, I myself from *his mixt* (see eg) and hath made all Nations of men one blood and mould to dwell upon the face of glory of the Lord to be your Rear ward, and the breathes made up, relieve the oppressed, and let the Oppressed go free, then shall mens own glory pass away as the dew before the Sun, very much of which we have seen in these like men the words of the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles, and taking them over as a Song to please their families. But the and manifest it fully, and they are slain and persecuted by spiritual Sodom and Egyptes Inhabitants, who are of your Consciences, we speak, which shall answer it, to which we leave it.

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OXFORD.

Elizabeth Farrier, a young woman (by the world accounted of great parentage) for speaking the word of the Lord, to the Scholars of *Jesus Colledge in Oxford* was by them dragged to a Pump, whose mouth they held to the spout, pumping her till they had almost stifled her to death, and then bound a cord about her knees, and set her upon her head, pumping her again, using many brutish filthy and very obscene words, which is a shame to utter amongst sober men, then tying her to one *Elizabeth Levent* arm, dragged them about the Colledge, and after this cruelty they were drove into a Pool, and the said *Elizabeth* was by the said *Elizabeth Levent* with such violence against a Grave-stone on which her back lighted, that it caused her to spit blood; which usage she complained of to her d:st:.

SUFFOLK.

John *Caspar* imprisoned in *Ipswich Gaile*, for not paying Tythes to John *Piper Priest* of *Oldham*: and also by *Priest Glandfield*, and the hard hearted Gaoler called John *Story*, put the said *John Caspar* into a cold wide open room where much wind and smook came, and for about three months was kept a Prisoner in the coldest of winter, and with this cruel usage he dyed.

George Harrison was violently taken out of a friends house in *Haverel*, by the rude multitude of the Town, and cruelly beated and beat, and after that coming into an Inn near *Bury*, the man of the House perceiving he was one of them called a Quaker, put him forth of the Inn in the night time, it being an exceeding cold night, Snowy and Rain, and very stormy, and he being weak and sick in body, and being forced to travel near twelve miles that night, he suddenly grew weaker and weaker, and on this cruel usage he was heard to complain, and about a month after he was thus used he dyed.

SOMMERSETSHIRE.

William *Sergeant* of *Bachford* imprisoned at the suit of Philip *Ellis* for Tythes and the said *Ellis* took part of the Goods of the said *William Sergeant*, without shewing any Law, notwithstanding he had his body in prison: and also Philip *Ellis* did cause the wife of *William Sergeant* to be arrested and cast into prison, though in Law no Action can be against her for Tythes while her Husband liveth, and he also caused the Servant, and a friend of the said *William Sergeant* (who were at work in the field about *Williams Harvell*) to be arrested and carried to prison, and threatned that whoever came to meddle with the Corn to carry it in, till he had taken out his Tythes, he would send them to prison, so that none dared to helpe to have in the Corn, so that about sixty Acres of Wheat, Barley, Pease and Oates, were in danger of being spoiled and devoured either by the said *Ellis*, or the Beasts, or by the Fowls of the aire; and the said *William Sergeant* was kept in prison till he dyed.

William Toller of *Nailsey* was imprisoned by Thomas *George Priest* for Tythes and death.
Sepporen Yarn for refusing to pay Tythes, was imprisoned till death.

WESTMORLAND.

Richard *Fibben* was imprisoned for speaking to a Priest where he and others were cruelly beat and abused by the unchristian Gaoler of *Appleby*; and *Richard Hibben* being put forth of prison very weak and bruised, presently after dyed.

YORKSHIRE.

William *Wilkinson* of *Risedale*, was by John *Mason* of *Midsterton*, Impropiator, sord for Tythes in the Exchequer, and for not swearing to his answer, was cast into Prison in *Wickering Castle*, where he remained a Prisoner near a year, and then dyed.

William Biles imprisoned for Tythes (by a Priest till death.)

William Pava imprisoned (for being a sign) by Judge *Parker* of *Northampton*, till death.

John Semel imprisoned (for Tythes) by Thomas *Watson*, Thomas *Barton* and William *Doke*, Impropiators; and likewise Robert *Todd Priest*, had a hand in calling him in, but afterward being ashamed of it, turned him over to William *Doke*, and he remained in Prison near two years, and then he dyed.

who have sealed their Testimony with their bloods; then will it be a terrible day with their Persecutors, and with those that hate them. And now we have a day and power given you to limit that Spirit; but if ye abuse your time and power, we and power, and how I require the blood of his Lambs at your hands. So remember, you as well as others heretofore, are Testimony of Jesus, and love not our lives, unto death; so these things are laid before you in tender love unto you; that fear of your blood, when the Lord (who hath heard the cry of the blood of the Innocent) shall rise to plead our cause.

righteous brother *Abel* for his Religion sake, because his sacrifice was accepted, and *Cain* was not, therefore a warning to not your sacrifice with blood. Ye that pretend to offer to God, mingle not your sacrifice (we say again) with the blood of the

our minds, Persecution or Murders; wrestle not with flesh and blood, but with Principalities and Powers, and spiritual

fight with blood; for it wrestles not with flesh, neither with blood, but keeps that out of his mind and persecution too; for it is mingled with blood and perdition. Those mingled sacrifices the Lord never accepts, for the sacrifice which he accepts is your hands be filled with the blood of the Innocent.

our prayers in the spirit) and such as he not full of blood and wrestles not with flesh and blood, and turns the sword against our Governors for Christ, mind your place. And if ye do intend when ye fast, that the Lord should hear your fast, do not break. Let bread be given to the hungry, that cry up and down the streets; let the Naked be clothed, let none hide himself of the Earth; for if ye do intend your health should grow, & the light of the Lord to break forth amongst ye, and the Lord go free, for this is the fast the Lord requires of ye; then shall righteous men shine, and break forth as the morning, and the men that pass away their time as a tale, that glorifies not their Maker in a new life, among whom are the professors of the lives of the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles, is slain amongst ye, as the traits in the Cities and streets, declare it. If ye rise up in the life of Christ, the Apostles and Prophets in this Generation: many of you are witnesses, to the witness in all